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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 19, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: